

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 157-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: June 25, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

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Subject: 42ND STREET PROJECT UPDATE

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The purpose of this LTC is to provide an up-to-date status of the 42nd Street Streetscape Project.

BACKGROUND:

The 42nd Street Streetscape project was originally designed to upgrade and beautify a three block area of 42nd Street from Prairie Avenue to Pine Tree Drive. The original project scope consisted of milling, re-paving and striping the street surface, grading and sodding swale areas on the North side, constructing a number of decorative planters and traffic calming bulb-outs, installing new shrubs and trees, and bringing sidewalk ramps into compliance with ADA requirements.

Tropex Construction Services, Inc. a Job Order Contractor was selected to perform the work on 42nd Street. Tropex began working in November of 2003. They had completed only the work of milling the pavement on the street when the City requested them to stop work.

The purpose of the "stop work" request was to allow for the design and installation of a replacement water main that was not a part of the original project scope. It was determined that the water service in this area needed to be upgraded, and had the City waited to perform the upgrade, it would be necessary to cut the newly refurbished street within the next year or two to install this new water main. To avoid having the new street broken up soon after its improvement, it was decided to halt work on the project long enough to design and install the new water main ahead of the streetscape work.

The City negotiated a contract with an engineering firm to design the required water line on an expedited basis. The water main was designed, a price for installation was negotiated, and the additional work scope was permitted in less than six weeks. Work on the water main began in late January 2004 and was substantially completed in April 2004, and the water main was tested and approved ready to be placed in service.

Due to resident inquiries regarding the Project's status and concerns regarding nuisance dust, a meeting was held at City Hall on May 24, 2004. C.I.P. Office personnel addressed the questions of a group of concerned citizens, and committed to undertake certain measures intended to accelerate project completion and address resident concerns.

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In order to facilitate traffic on the street and to reduce the generation of dust, on May 25, 2004, one lane of the street was paved on an expedited basis, and signs were placed at each intersection closing the street to non-local use.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

The paved lane and the revised Maintenance of Traffic plan have resulted in a dramatic reduction in dust complaints along 42nd Street. The contractor has been working on excavating the planters, and installing the water service lines to connect the new water main to the existing residential water meters during the last three weeks. On Monday, June 21, 2004, the final connection was made between the new Water Main and the existing system. On Thursday, June 24, 2004, the contractor began the final re-paving operation. This should be completed by Monday, June 28, 2004.

The remaining work at 42nd Street includes:

Sidewalk repairs where the new water services were installed.

New ADA compliant ramps on the sidewalks at each corner.

Curbing along the border of the planters.

Place topsoil, grade and sod the swale areas.

Place topsoil, grade and place the plant materials in the planters.

Install traffic signs and pavement marking.

Remove project sign, clean-up and move out.

The contractor has indicated that this work can be completed by August 16, 2004. A copy of the contractor's proposed schedule is attached for your information and reference.


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